

On the same day they filed their "Verified Shareholder Derivative Complaint," plaintiffs filed what they styled an "Ex parte Motion for Leave to Take Expedited Discovery." The discovery sought consists of certain financial and accounting books and records of Applied Specialties of California, Inc., a California corporation. Plaintiffs claims to be the majority shareholders of that corporation. Defendant Ursula Weiss is alleged to be the corporate president and a minority shareholder. Plaintiffs allege they have been trying for months to get access to corporate information that they are entitled to by right, and that they need in conjunction with a contemplated sale of the corporation to a third party. Weiss, who apparently opposes the third party sale (and wants to buy control of the corporation herself) has supposedly stonewalled all of plaintiffs' entreaties for the information.

The plaintiffs may well be entitled to the discovery they seek, but they will not get it here and now. Defendants have not appeared. (Indeed, it is unknown if they have even been served with a summons and a complaint.) Worse, the plaintiffs' present motion does not seek permission to propound early discovery; rather, it presumptiously asks the court (with no notice to defendants) to issue an order requiring them to turn over the information in question. This the court will not do. Plaintiffs' motion is DENIED.

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IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: 10/30/06 /s/ Howard R. Lloyd HOWARD R. LLOYD UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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